

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to an Office Action mailed June 10, 2008. Prior to this response, claims 1, 4-6, 8-9, 11, 14-17, and 19-22 were pending. After amending claims 4, 6, 8-9, 14, 16, and 19-20, and canceling claims 1, 5, 11, and 15, claims 4, 6, 8-9, 14, 17, and 19-22 remain pending.

In Section 3 of the Office Action claims 1, 4, 11, and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable with respect to Gauthier (US 2002/0122205) in view of Moles (US 2004/0193910) and Kesselman (US 2003/0233366).

In Section 5 of the Office Action claims 8-9 and 19-20 have been rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) with respect to Gauthier in view of Moles and Kesselman, and further in view of Hull (US 5,978,477).

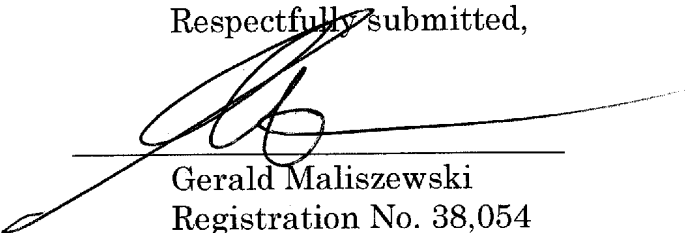
The Office Action states that claims 5-6 and 15-17 would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the subject matter of the base and intervening claims.

The Office Action states that claims 21 and 22 are allowed. In response, claims 4, 6, and 8-9 have been amended to depend from claim 21. All claims dependent from claim 21 should be found allowable. Claims 14, 16-17, and 19-20 have been amended to depend from claim 22. All claims dependent from claim 22 should be found allowable. Note: the Applicant neither expressly agrees nor disagrees with the stated reasons for allowance.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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